



Preparing to fight

Photo by Lisa Gonzales

Members of the Kirtland AFB Fire Department are briefed before joining firefighters from statewide who fought blazes in the Rio Grande Bosque area June 24-25. The fire caused the evacuation of 600 homes. Kirtland AFB Fire Chief

Dennis Lovato said the bosque fire was a difficult type of fire to fight because firemen must “transition from wildland to structural firefighters within seconds” if homes and buildings in the area are threatened. See related story on Page 5.

377th Air Base Wing holds change of command



Col. Kathleen D. Close

Col. Kathleen D. Close, 377th Air Base Wing commander, turns over the command of the wing to Col. Henry L. Andrews Jr., July 10, 8 a.m., in Hangar 1000.

Close will become the vice commander of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla.

Hangar 1000 is on the west side of Kirtland AFB in the 58th Special Operations Wing area. A reception in the hangar follows the ceremony.

Uniform for all participants in the ceremony is BDU with the sleeves down and with organizational caps. Formation participants meet July 10, 6:45 a.m., at the Mountain View Club from which they will ride the shuttle bus to Hangar 1000 and returned after the ceremony. Practice

for all formation participants is July 9 at 1 p.m. Transportation is from Bicentennial Park; all participants must ride the bus.

Fro your convenience you may ride a shuttle bus leaving 7-7:30 a.m. from the 377th Air Base Wing at M Avenue and Wyoming Boulevard or from the Consolidated Support Building. Unfortunately, no private vehicles will be permitted at the ceremony site.

A farewell picnic for members of the wing is July 9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Bicentennial Park.

Andrews currently commands the 305th Maintenance Group, 305th Air Mobility Wing, at McGuire AFB, N.J., and was the commander of the 380th Expeditionary Maintenance Group in Southwest Asia.



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